



ADVISORY BULLETIN

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APPLICATION FOR ADULT-USE LICENSURE ON MARCH 1, 2021

The intent of this bulletin is to provide information regarding the application process for a state license under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA). On March 1, 2021, the eligibility restriction that requires an applicant to hold an active state operating license under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA) to be eligible for numerous MRTMA state licenses will be removed. Further information explaining the reasons for removing this eligibility requirement can be found in the MRA Advisory Bulletin dated October 6, 2020, located [here](#).

Beginning March 1, 2021, an applicant is no longer required to hold an active MMFLA license to be eligible for the following adult-use licenses:

- Marijuana Retailer
- Marijuana Processor
- Class B Marijuana Grower
- Class C Marijuana Grower
- Marijuana Secure Transporter

Please see the instructions below for applying for these adult-use licenses before and after March 1, 2021.

APPLYING FOR A STATE LICENSE THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Applicants who do not hold an active state operating license under the MMFLA

Prior to March 1, 2021, applicants who do not hold an active state operating license under the MMFLA may begin the Step 1 prequalification process by following the “New Applicant” [instructions](#). These applicants must wait until March 1, 2021 to submit a Step 2 license application for the adult-use license types specified above. If interested in pursuing licensure as a social equity participant, applicants who do not hold an active state operating license under the MMFLA must complete the social equity application and receive their eligibility determination letter for the program prior to applying for adult-use licensure.

Applicants who currently hold an active state operating license under the MMFLA

Applicants who currently hold an active state operating license under the MMFLA may utilize the “Existing Medical Marijuana Facility Licensees” [instructions](#) which provide an expedited Step 1 prequalification process until March 1, 2021. These applicants are eligible to submit Step 2 license applications for the adult-use license types specified above. If interested in pursuing licensure as a social equity participant, applicants who currently hold an active state operating



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license under the MMFLA must complete the social equity application and receive their eligibility determination letter for the program prior to applying for adult-use licensure.

APPLYING FOR A STATE LICENSE ON AND AFTER MARCH 1, 2021

All applicants must complete the same Step 1 prequalification application process, even if that applicant holds an active MMFLA state operating license. Therefore, all applicants must submit a complete Step 1 prequalification application including all business documentation and supplemental applications.

If a supplemental applicant was previously deemed eligible under the MMFLA, the MRA intends to still expedite the application processing of these applications as the criminal and financial background checks have already been conducted.

All applicants will continue to be required to submit the Step 2 license application.

Applicants interested in pursuing licensure as a social equity participant must complete the social equity application and receive their eligibility determination letter for the program prior to applying for adult-use licensure.

The MRA instructions, FAQs, and applications will be updated to account for the changes to the application process.

Questions can be sent to the Marijuana Regulatory Agency via email at MRA-Adult-Use-Marijuana@michigan.gov. For more information about the Marijuana Regulatory Agency, please visit www.michigan.gov/MRA.